

## House Resolution No. 441

**Whereas**, on January 26, 2003, the Curryville Presbyterian Church hosted the Fortieth Anniversary Ordination celebration of their beloved pastor, the Reverend James W. Williams; and

**Whereas**, following a morning service that featured guest preacher J. Joseph Trower of Jefferson City, the congregation of the Curryville Presbyterian Church held an afternoon service program and subsequent reception in honor of Pastor Williams; and

**Whereas**, Pastor Williams and members of his family greeted approximately 150 guests during the afternoon who included parishioners from Curryville; former parishioners from Troy, Auburn, Silex, Whiteside, Farber, Mt. Olivet, Estes, and Old-Auxvasse-Nine Mile Williamsburg; friends from Antioch, Bowling Green, Providence-Concord, Elmwood, Louisiana, Frankford, Laddonia, and Vandalia; and other family members; and

**Whereas**, numerous area pastors also attended the celebration, offering well-wishes to Pastor Williams upon this very special anniversary event; and

**Whereas**, the Stated Supply Pastor of the Curryville Presbyterian Church since January 1, 1996, Pastor Williams had retired as pastor of the Gasconade County Larger Parish of Owensville and the Bethel-Bay Presbyterian churches; and

**Whereas**, ordained at the Farber Presbyterian Church on January 24, 1963, Pastor Williams was named Pastor Emeritus of Bethel Presbyterian Church when it celebrated the resplendent occasion of its One Hundred Fiftieth Anniversary in 1998; and

**Whereas**, Pastor Williams is especially grateful for the strength and inspiration he has derived from the faithful support of his precious loved ones, Selma, Cynthia, and John, all of whom have brought great joy and happiness to his life:

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, unanimously join in extending our most hearty congratulations to Pastor Williams as he commemorates forty years of steadfast service and unwavering commitment to the ministry, and in wishing him and his congregation only the very best as they continue to serve the Christian mission; and

**Be it further resolved** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for the Reverend James W. Williams, as a mark of our esteem for him.

Offered by \_\_\_\_\_  
Representative Steve Hobbs  
District No. 21

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 441, adopted February 19, 2003.

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Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker